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SUBJECT: CSCE: YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL ON MINORITIES

REF: (A) STATE 26731; (B) ATHENS 0983; (C) BELGRADE 0751

1. YUGOSLAVS HAVE CIRCULATED IN COMMITTEE K (SECURITY) REVISED AND SHORTENED PROPOSAL ON NATIONAL MINORITIES (TEXT POUCHED). DISCUSSION THUS FAR HAS FOCUSED ON WHAT IS APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERING THIS PAPER. GREEKS, SPANISH, AND FRENCH HAVE SUGGESTED THAT MATTER SHOULD BE HANDLED IN COMMITTEE KKK (HUMANITARIAN COOPERATION), WHERE THERE IS A CLEAR MANDATE (PARAS 50 AND 52 OF HELSINKI RECOMMENDATIONS) FOR DISCUSSING NATIONAL MINORITIES. YUGOSLAVS HAVE ARGUED THAT DOCUMENT'S POLITICAL AND SECURITY CONTENT MAKE IT MORE APPROPRIATE FOR COMMITTEE I. SOVIETS HAVE FAVORED REFERRING IT TO THE SPECIAL WORKING BODY ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PRINCIPLES, CLEARLY AS A WAY OF KILLING IT.

2. WHEN GREEKS APPEALED FOR SUPPORT IN NATO DELE-  
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GATION HEADS CAUCUS, TURKS AGREED TO SUPPORT EFFORT

TO TRANSFER YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL TO COMMITTEE III, BUT ITALY AND FRG INDICATED THEY WERE NOT CONVINCED BY GREEK ARGUMENTS. WE BELIEVE MANY WESTERN DELEGATIONS ARE RELUCTANT TO TAKE STRONG POSITIONS ON THIS PROCEDURAL ISSUE. GREEKS HAVE NOT RAISED PROBLEM OF YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL IN COMMITTEE III MEETING OR CAUCUS AND UNTIL JURISDICTION QUESTION IS RESOLVED, MATTER REMAINS IN COMMITTEE I.

3. WHILE GREEKS HAVE THE HELSINKI RECOMMENDATIONS ON THEIR SIDE, THIS PROBLEM ALSO RELATES TO SUBJECTS UNDER DISCUSSION IN COMMITTEE I. WE WOULD PREFER TO SEE YUGOSLAV PAPER HANDLED IN THE WAY LEAST LIKELY TO TOUCH NATIONAL SENSITIVITIES, BUT WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT WISH TO APPEAR TO OPPOSE DISCUSSION OF AN ISSUE YUGOSLAVS CONSIDER IMPORTANT. IN VIEW OF CONSIDERATIONS PUT FORWARD IN REFS (A) AND (C), THEREFORE, WE ARE INCLINED TO MAINTAIN OUR LOW PROFILE ON THIS ISSUE. WE WOULD PLAN TO JOIN A CONSENSUS ON ANY PROCEDURAL SOLUTION WHICH SEEMS WIDELY ACCEPTABLE. DALE

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